

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Edward J. Markey, of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1297–1310, and S. Res. 196. **Page S5708**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S5713**

Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans. **Page S5691**

Swearing in of Senator Markey: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Edward J. Markey, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S5691**

Cloture Motions Withdrawn—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions with respect to the nominations of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., and Sharon Block, both of the District of Columbia, and Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, be withdrawn. **Page S5704**

Hochberg Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the

nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, occur at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. **Page S5704**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that the time until 10:00 a.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S5713**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 174), Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S5692–98, S5698–S5705**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 173), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5694–95**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2016.

Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S5715**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27,

2016, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2013.

Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2013.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—174)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5713.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2014.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014.

SITUATION IN SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Syria from Admiral James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and James N. Miller, Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to exam-

ine the Defense Production Act, focusing on issues and opportunities for reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Eric L. Hirschhorn, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security; and Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. GASOLINE AND FUEL PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine how United States gasoline and fuel prices are being affected by the current boom in domestic oil production and the restructuring of the United States refining industry and distribution system, after receiving testimony from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Jeffrey B. Hume, Continental Resources, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; William R. Klesse, Valero Energy Corporation, San Antonio, Texas; Dan Gilligan, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; Chris Plaushin, AAA, Heathrow, Florida; and Faisel Khan, Citi Research, New York, New York.

COLORADO RIVER BASIN WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND STUDY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Tanya Trujillo, Colorado River Board of California, Pasadena; Don A. Ostler, Upper Colorado River Commission, Salt Lake City, Utah; T. Darryl Vigil, Colorado River Basin Tribes Partnership, Dulce, New Mexico; Taylor E. C. Hawes, The Nature Conservancy Colorado River Program, Boulder; Kathleen Ferris, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, Phoenix; and Reagan Waskom, Colorado Water Institute, Fort Collins.

EMBASSY SECURITY AND PERSONNEL PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 980, to provide for enhanced embassy security, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Starr, Acting Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, and Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, and Bill Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of High Threat Posts, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, both of the Department of State.